

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Claims 1-32, 34, and 37 have been canceled without prejudice. Thus, the outstanding rejections of claims 1-32, 34, and 37 are moot.

Claims 33, 35, and 36 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 33, 35, and 36 have each been canceled and rewritten into independent form (new claims 38, 44, and 50, respectively). In addition, the dependent claims formerly depending from claim 1 have also been rewritten to depend from each of the new additional independent claims. Applicants assert that as the Examiner indicated that the rewritten base claims would be allowable, any further dependent claims depending therefrom are also allowable.

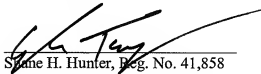
Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 33, 35-36 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Office Communication dated June 15, 2006. Applicants assert that the claims contain one or more features mentioned or not mentioned by the Examiner that independently, or when combined, establish the patentability of one or more of the claims.

Applicants reserve the right to introduce, articulate, or otherwise present any such reasons for allowance as may be appropriate concerning the claims

Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If a telephone conversation with Applicant's representative would help expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 542-6000.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-0311, Reference No. 18133-301. The Director is further authorized to charge any required fee(s) under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.19, 1.20, and 1.21 to the abovementioned Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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